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In RE application of

T. SHIROGANE et al.

Serial No.: 10/629,813

Group Art Unit:

2145

Filed: July 30, 2003

Examiner:

A. CHOUDHURY

For: STORAGE SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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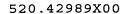
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Sir:

In Reply to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005, please amend the above application as set forth below.